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News about Bristol Bay has been stacking the headlines in the past week, with three features in the Anchorage Daily News, plus a wave of coverage over the Alaska Supreme Court's decision to allow the people of the Lake and Peninsula Borough to vote on the "Save our Salmon" initiative this fall, despite the Pebble Partnership's heavy handed attempt to squelch the people's will.

The ADN looks at the 'advertising war' over Pebble, casting it as a battle of equals. In reality, Pebble Partnership is funded by mining corporation Anglo American and records show it plans to spend \$91 million in Alaska in 2011 alone, not to mention running up the biggest lobbying tab in Alaska. In a separate feature, the newspaper profiles 'Pebble Lady,' the new face of Pebble's ad blitz, who said she hasn't decided whether she supports the mine proposal.

In the first poll of its kind, Bristol Bay commercial fishermen (permit holders) overwhelmingly oppose the Pebble Mine. The poll found that 85% of commercial fishermen reject the Pebble mine, and 77% disagree with Pebble's frequent refrain that fishing and mining can safely co-exist.

A letter writer in Boulder, Colo., worries that Pebble could "despoil an immense watershed that sustains the life-ways of native people and the world in which they have lived for millennia," while another in Alaska says fish and streams are worth more than gold.

In the Seattle Weekly, Paul Greenberg makes the case for Bristol Bay canned salmon, explaining how canned tuna kicked it to the curb, and why it should be a pantry staple once more.

Here are the highlights of a busy media week.

For more information, go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

Supreme Court allows Pebble initiative onto October ballot

Lisa Demer

Anchorage Daily News, the Tacoma News Tribune

A ballot initiative that could sidetrack the giant Pebble mine will be allowed to go before voters in the Lake and Peninsula Borough this October under a ruling Wednesday by the Alaska Supreme Court... [Click here to read more](#)

AK high court allows Pebble mine initiative vote

San Antonio Express News, Albany Times Union

The Alaska Supreme Court is allowing an Oct. 4 vote on an initiative that could sidetrack the proposed Pebble mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble advertising wars heat up as sides seek support

Lisa Demer

Anchorage Daily News

The battle over the giant Pebble gold and copper prospect is escalating across Alaska with a blitz of radio and television ads. Again... [Click here to read more](#)

Iliamna woman is the 'face of Pebble'

Lisa Demer

Anchorage Daily News

Meet Martina Arce, 30. She's featured in a series of ads for the giant Pebble copper and gold prospect... [Click here to read more](#)

Move to kill Pebble gold mine to go on Alaska ballot

Reuters

Mining Weekly

A ballot initiative to derail development of the controversial Pebble gold-copper mine in Alaska can go before voters, the Alaska Supreme Court has ruled. Late Wednesday, the state's highest court ruled the "Save our Salmon" initiative can appear on a municipal election ballot in October... [Click here to read more](#)

New Poll: Bristol Bay Commercial Fishermen Near Unanimous in Opposition to Pebble Mine

Reuters, Alaska Native News, PR Newswire

The first poll of commercial fisherman in Alaska's Bristol Bay region found that an overwhelming majority – 85 percent – oppose the controversial Pebble Mine proposal. Moreover, a near unanimous 96 percent believe the headwaters of Bristol Bay should be protected for future generations... [Click here to read more](#)

In poll, commercial fishermen come out against pebble mine

Anchorage Daily News

A new poll commissioned by an environmental foundation concludes that Bristol Bay commercial fishermen are overwhelmingly opposed to development of the proposed Pebble mine prospect... [Click here to read more](#)

In the long run, streams and fish will be worth more than copper

Vic Van Ballenberghe

Anchorage Daily News

To me, the anti-Pebble mine ads raise many serious issues that are conveniently ignored by the pro-Pebble side ("Advertising arms race," ADN Aug. 14)... [Click here to read more](#)

Stop Pebble Mine in Alaska

Tim Hogan

The Daily Camera

Thanks for the nice piece on local fisherman Matt Aboussie and the salmon he catches from Bristol Bay, Alaska. Made me want to look Matt up and get some of that nutritious sockeye... [Click here to read more](#)

Making the Case for Canned Salmon

Hanna Raskin

Seattle Weekly

Even in the salmon-happy Pacific Northwest, where the annual arrival of Copper River king salmon is granted holiday status, tuna has salmon licked at the supermarket... [Click here to read more](#)

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